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1. Large scale fortification work has been under way for some time in the Carpatho-Ukraine under the direction of the Uprovenstroil No. 117. The commander, Engineer Major General F. F. Zubienkov, has his office in the Koruna Hotel, Ushgorod (48°38'N; 22°19'E).

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2. The area of operations of fortified districts 111, 113, and 115 extends from Qumst (48°11'N; 23°18'E) through Beregova (48°13'N; 22°40'E) to Peracin (48°39'N; 22°23'E). Details are as follows:

- a. District 111 - East (Luh, Lasoscina, Mohelki): Extends to the Haverli summit and to the mountains where the Yasina-Stanislavov railway passes. This railway runs through the Yablontsa Pass (48°22'N; 24°23'E) and is of great strategical importance, as it goes to the Borislav (49°16'N; 23°25'E) oil district. In June 1947, Engineer Major Aleksei F. Chumaliev was commander of this district.
- b. District 113 - Center (Novoselica, Kelecin, Iaka, Kukliya, Skotarake, Volovec, Rodplazi, Mik-Verecki): Based on the Skotarake Mountains, across which the Mukacevo-Lviv railway passes. In contrast to District 111, fortifications of District 113 are concentrated and virtually amount to defense of the railway. On the south, the first line of fortification begins near the tunnel between Volovec and Skoterko. Engineer Major General L. Branman was commanding general of the district in November 1947.
- c. District 115 - West (Lyuta, Usok, Eupoi, Velosanka, Luh, Viska, Stavna, Zahorb, Zernava, Kestryny, Solia, Zabrod): This district includes the Uzoeka Mountains, through which passes the modernised (before the war) double track railway Lvov-Ushgorod-Cop-Budapest. The fortifications of the district, like those of district No. 111, extend mostly toward the Slovak frontier. District No. 115 is a very powerful anti-aircraft artillery base. Construction battalions were working on the projects in October and November 1947.

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